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1. ICAO ISSUE DISCUSSED JULY 11 WITH WILLIAM DODD (ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL, CIVIL AERONAUTICS, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT), IN ABSENCE OF WALTER MCLEISH WHO IS ON EXTENDED FRENCH LANGUAGE TRAINING. DODD INDICATED HE SHARED AND EXPECTED THAT MOT WOULD FULLY SUPPORT THE U.S. VIEWS AS OUTLINED PARA 3 REFTEL. HOWEVER, NO MEETINGS HAVE YET BEEN HELD WITHIN MOT OR WITH EXTAFF AND THE CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION TO START THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING AN OFFICIAL CANADIAN VIEW.

2. DODD INDICATED HE PERSONALLY FELT THAT FIRST EFFORTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED FILL PRESIDENCY ALONE LEAVING PRESENT
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SG IN PLACE, BUT THAT THERE WAS NO SELF-EVIDNT CANDIATE

FROM AMONG THE LARGER COUNTRIES WHO HAD QUALITIES SIMILAR TO THOSE OF BINAGHI. THE IDEA OF A PRESIDENT FROM A SMALLER OR DEVELOPING COUNTRY WAS NOT ATTRACTIVE. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, REJECT THE IDEA OF ADVANCING KOTAITE TO THE PRESIDENCY AND SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE EASIER TO FIND A SUITABLE ADMINISTRATOR TO SUCCEED HIM THAN TO FIND ANOTHER PERSON WHO WOULD BE A GOOD PRESIDENT. DODD ALSO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PRESENT BELGIAN MEMBER OF ICAO COUNCIL MAY WISH TO BECOME A CANDIDATE. WHILE HE DID NOT WISH TO COMMENT AT THE MOMENT AS TO HOW GOOD A PRESIDENT THE BELGIAN MIGHT BE, DODD EXPRESSED HESITATION AS TO WHETHER HE HAD ADEQUATE POPULARITY TO GET ELECTED. TCO ASKED DODD IF THERE WAS ANY POSSIBILITY GOC WOULD NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR EITHER OFFICE. DODD REPLIED THAT THIS WAS ON HIS MIND, BUT HE COULD NOT BE MORE SPECIFIC UNTIL HE HAD SORTED OUT HIS OWN THOUGHTS AND DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH OTHERS IN OTTAWA.

3. DODD HAD NOT GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO THE PRC AND MOROCCO SUGGESTIONS OF POSSIBLE ICAO REORGANIZATION SINCE NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE. HOWEVER, TCO TOOK AWAY IMPRESSION HE WOULD NOT FAVOR TAKING UP REORGANIZATION QUESTIONS IN ELECTION CONTEXT.

4. WE WILL TOUCH BASE WITH EXTAFF AND REPORT FURTHER.
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